KANT SAHAY): (a) Government have seen the news-item referred to.

(b) All possible steps including strengthening of border and vigilance by security forces to prevent the flow of sophisticated weapons etc. to terrorists, have been taken and they are constantly under review.

Kar seva in Ayodbya

1575. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of persons who had gone to Ayodhya to perform Ram Janamabhoomi Temple Kar seva in October last and how many out of them are missing from each State;

(b) the names of persons out of them who have been killed or injured^ State-wise; and

(c) the total number of persons arrested in this connection, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Instructions regarding shooting on unarmed Demonstrators

1576. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether para-military forces have general instructions not to shoot on chest or heads of demonstrators etc. who are unarmed and are not indulging in arson arifl loot;

(b) whether it is a fact that on October 30 and November 2 last in Ayodhya, the para-military forces did shoot on chest and heads of unarmed Ram Bhaktas;

(c) at what level the orders to shoot were given and who signed such orders;

(d) whether in some cases para-military forces broke into private houses also; and

(e) whether Government have investigated or a public enquiry is to be held to investigate and ascertain facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The para-military forces, who are deployed at the request of the State Governments, are under instructions to use minimum possible force to deal with the given law and order situation.

(b) to (e) The required information from the State Government is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Arrest of certain Editors in Ayodhaya

1577. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAPAYEE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Editors of dailies of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar were arrested or harassed in the context of Ram Janambhoomi temple incidents i_n Ayodhaya on October 30 and November 2 last; if so, their names;

(b) whether Government consider it as an attack on Freedom of Press; and

(c) whether copies of certain papers were also seized by U. P. and Bihar Governments before they were distributed, if so, the names of such papers and dates?